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Crop Progress and Condition

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<u>Agricultural News:</u> Farming activities for the month of December included feeding hay to livestock, harvesting soybeans and planting small grain crops. Weather conditions have been mostly warm and dry. The average high temperatures during the month of December were mostly in the 50s. The average low temperatures during the month of December were mostly in the 30s. Monthly precipitation amounts ranged between 0.89 to 4 inches. There are abnormally dry to severe drought conditions in the State.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 1/2/22

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	3	31	56	10
Subsoil	5	27	64	4
Hay & Roughage	3	20	72	5

⁻ Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 1/2/22

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	-	22	78	-
Winter Wheat	-	2	26	71	1
Pasture	4	15	45	33	3
Livestock	-	2	28	58	12

⁻ Represents zero.

Forage Percent Obtained from Pastures	This Month	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%
Feed Obtained from Pastures	23	22	-

⁻ Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending January 3, 2022

	Temperature			Precipitation					
City	Avg. high	Avg. low	Avg. mean	Avg. dep. from normal *	Last Week	Since Dec. 1	Dec. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1, 2022 to date	Jan. 1, 2022 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	62.1	48.7	55.4	+18.8	1.31	1.94	-1.9	1.00	+0.7
Norfolk	60.4	50.6	55.5	+12.0	1.66	3.35	-0.2	1.59	+1.3
Richmond	61.7	50.3	56.0	+16.8	1.52	1.94	-1.9	1.15	+0.8
Roanoke	61.6	48.4	55.0	+16.3	1.28	1.38	-2.0	1.10	+0.8
Wash/Dulles	56.7	45.2	50.9	+16.0	1.16	0.89	-2.7	0.89	+0.6

^{*}Normals value based on 1991-2020 normals data. Data were generated dynamically on 01/03/22. Additional forecast data were used for 01/02/22 to 01/03/22. Source: NOAA Southeast Regional Climate Center https://www.sercc.com/.